COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

February 16, 2001	Committee	
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Honorable Chair and Members of the County Council County of Maui Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Budget and Finance Committee, having met on January 30, 2001, makes reference to County Communication No. 00-312, from the Budget Director, transmitting the following:

1. A proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII, HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY".

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize the acceptance of a \$20,000 grant for the 8th Annual Lanai Pineapple Festival and a \$10,000 grant for Historic Wailuku Town Cultural Street Festivals from the State of Hawaii, Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA).

2. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2001 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the grant revenues of the Fiscal Year 2001 Budget to appropriate the HTA grants in the amount of \$20,000 for the 8th Annual Lanai Pineapple Festival and \$10,000 for Historic Wailuku Town Cultural Street Festivals.

Your Committee notes that County Communication No. 00-312 was referred to your Committee at the Council meeting of January 12, 2001 (County Communication No. 01-12).

By memorandum dated January 25, 2001, your Committee Chair transmitted a revised proposed bill from the Budget Director entitled "A BILL FOR

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2001 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR". The revised bill changes the date from 2000 to 2001.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Budget Director, an Economic Development Specialist, and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

The Economic Development Specialist provided an overview regarding the grant funds from the HTA. She informed your Committee that the grants were awarded to promote tourism and economic development through events. She noted that the Lanai Pineapple Festival was completed. Funds for the Historic Wailuku Town Cultural Street Festivals will cover four festivals, including two that were held during September and October and two future festivals. She further noted that the purpose of one of the grants was to market Wailuku as a destination area.

During the extensive discussion that ensued, your Committee emphasized that other small towns may also benefit from street festivals and that the Administration should consider this in their future grant submittals.

The Budget Director explained the Administration's philosophy when grant funds are received for projects that are included in the budget. She informed your Committee that the Administration is always seeking outside funding and if funding is received, requests that may have been previously denied would be reconsidered. She stated that not all funding requests can be approved and receiving outside funding does not mean that the Administration will continue to spend all monies.

Your Committee requested that a letter be sent to the Economic Development Coordinator requesting the following information:

- 1. Information/statistics regarding the long-term benefits to the businesses resulting from the street festivals;
- 2. A copy of the reports, including expenditures, that are sent to the HTA after the completion of the Lanai Pineapple Festival and the Historic Wailuku Town Cultural Street Festivals; and

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3.	Information regarding when the HTA notifies availability of grants and the anticipated award		е
	Committee voted to recommend adoption of the age of the revised proposed bill on first reading.	• •	n
Your I	Budget and Finance Committee RECOMMENDS	S the following:	
1.	That Resolution No, attach "AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF F STATE OF HAWAII, HAWAII TOURISM ADOPTED;	UNDS FROM TH	E
2.	That Bill No (2001), as revised hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINAPPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2001 COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO THAYOR" PASS FIRST READING and BE OF and	NANCE AMENDING BUDGET FOR TH HE OFFICE OF TH	G E E
3.	That County Communication No. 00-312 be FII	LED.	
Adopt	ion of this report is respectfully requested.		

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